

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE****DOCKET NO. [2020-63-E](#) ORDER NO. 2020-55-H****JULY 27, 2020**

Jo Anne Wessinger Hill
Standing Hearing Officer

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Petition of Bridgestone Americas Tire Organization, LLC for an Order Compelling Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated to Allow the Operation of a 1980 kW AC Solar Array as Authorized by State Law.

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Petitioner Bridgestone Americas Tire Organization, LLC's Motion for Protective Order treating as confidential the version of the unredacted direct testimony of Derrick Freeman and Edward G. McGavran, III, P.E. and to treat as confidential the unredacted versions of Exhibits Nos. A and B of witness Derrick Freeman.

STANDING HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

On June 9, 2020, counsel for Petitioner Bridgestone Americas Tire Organization, LLC ("Bridgestone" or "Petitioner") filed a Motion for Protective Order requesting confidential treatment for the version of the direct testimony of Derrick Freeman and direct testimony of Edward G. McGavran, III, P.E. filed in this docket (i.e., "Motion"). The Petitioner's Certificate of Service attests that moving counsel served all parties in this Docket electronically as well as with a U.S. mailed hardcopy on June 9, 2020.

In accordance with S.C. code Ann. Regs. 103-829(A), an interested party to this matter may timely submit a response to a motion within ten (10) days of service. The time for response has passed and the Petitioner's Motion is timely before the Commission's Standing Hearing Officer for consideration.

No person or party in the docket made any comment regarding the request made by the Petitioner. The Petitioner states that the direct testimony of Derrick Freeman and direct testimony of Edward G. McGavran, III, P.E. filed in this docket by the Petitioner discusses the quantities and cost of electricity purchased from Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated ("DESC") which are confidential and strictly proprietary information and that public disclosure of these details can

result in direct, immediate and substantial harm to the competitive position of the Petitioner in South Carolina and elsewhere. The Petitioner further asserts that such unredacted portions of its direct testimony of Derrick Freeman and of Edward G. McGavran, III, P.E. contain trade secret information as defined by South Carolina Code § 39-5-20(5) and is protected by law. The Exhibits Nos. A and B of witness Derrick Freeman referenced in his direct testimony also have redacted portions therein. It appears that any trade secret or commercially sensitive information have been redacted in Exhibits Nos. A and B of witness Derrick Freeman, as well as in the direct testimony of witnesses Derrick Freeman and Edward G. McGavran, III, P.E.

Bridgestone's motion is seeking to protect the confidentiality of Exhibits Nos. A and B of witness Derrick Freeman and to protect the confidentiality of the unredacted information in the direct testimony of witnesses Derrick Freeman and Edward G. McGavran, III, P.E.

The request for confidential treatment regarding Exhibits No. A and B of witness Derrick Freeman is granted and the request for confidential treatment of the unredacted direct testimony of direct testimony of witnesses Derrick Freeman and Edward G. McGavran, III, P.E. is granted. All such confidential information is exempt from disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §§ 30-4-10, et. seq., pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-804(S)(1).

The public versions of the direct testimony (less any confidential information) of witnesses Derrick Freeman and Edward G. McGavran, III, P.E. in the Docketing Management System (DMS) may be subject to disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §§ 30-4-10, et. seq.